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## NOTES FROM LOCAL BRANCHES

*Colorado College.*—In connection with information published from time to time in regard to other institutions, members of the Association will be interested in the following extracts from a letter by President Duniway published last summer:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NATION:

Beginning in December, 1918, alumni representation on the Board of Trustees will be introduced. By 1920 four out of a membership of eighteen are to be chosen by the alumni. Hitherto the Board has filled vacancies entirely by the method of coöptation, which is typical of American colleges.

The President has hitherto appointed faculty committees. The new regulations provide for a faculty committee on committees, with five members elected by ballot to sit with the President as chairman. The right is reserved to the Faculty to select special committees and representatives by other methods on special vote.

Tenure of office of the Faculty is defined. Instructors will be on annual appointment. Assistant professors will be appointed for terms of from one to three years. In some cases they may be put upon indefinite tenure. Professors or associate professors, after probationary appointments of from one to three years, will be continued on indefinite tenure.

The initiative of the President in recommendations to the Board of Trustees upon all appointments is recognized. It is made the duty of the President to confer with heads of departments on the appointment of instructors and subordinates. The President is obliged to confer with at least three members of the Faculty, designated by the faculty committee on committees, before recommending to the Trustees appointments of professors, associate professors or, assistant professors. The results of such conferences are to be reported to the Trustees when the President makes recommendations.

Any member of the Faculty on indefinite tenure may be dismissed only after full hearings before a joint committee of three members of the Faculty, chosen by the committee on committees, and an equal number of Trustees, together with the President of the College. If the professor concerned requests it, he is entitled to have a further hearing before the Board of Trustees itself.

*Circular Letter to Officers of Local Branches.*—The following circular letter has been sent by the officers to chairmen of all local Branches:

October, 1918.

The Council has just decided in regard to the annual meeting that it shall be held at Baltimore, December 27 and 28, in connection with the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Doubt has been expressed by some, and is probably entertained by others, as to whether it is best—from a patriotic standpoint—to hold large academic meetings under present conditions. The officers of the Association are not unmindful of the considerations involved, but it seems to them of paramount importance that, while academic interests and activities are temporarily concentrated on the fundamental and essential task of winning the war, this should not be permitted to make a complete break in the continuity of the higher education and research for which our profession and our Association stand. We neither ask, nor anticipate, a large attendance at the coming meeting. We hope, however, to include in our program subjects of such vital importance that members who are able to attend will be amply rewarded, and we particularly hope that as many of the more remote institutions as possible will have at least one representative who may carry the message back to his local branch for their further discussion.